

DDYJ Supporting the Navy 24/7

The United States Navy never sleeps and neither can Navy suppliers. USS KITTY HAWK (CV 63), an aircraft carrier with a crew of more than 5,000 Sailors and Marines, returned to port for a quick and unexpected turn-around. Defense Distribution Depot Yokosuka, Japan (DDYJ) was called upon to transfer material via a barge from a replenishment ship across the harbor. The operation began at 1930 and involved nearly 200 pallets of material being loaded - and loaded quickly.



DDYJ staff work quickly to resupply USS KITTY HAWK.

“We transferred the material to KITTY HAWK and she is now operating somewhere . . .,” said CDR Scott Thon, SC, USN, Commander, DDYJ. “Our DDYJ employees responded with their typical “Can Do” attitude and supported the KITTY HAWK’s requirement.”

“The night operation was a complete success,” said Donnell Key, DDYJ Transportation Director. “No injuries, no accidents, no problems.”

The KITTY HAWK barge docked at about 1930 and the work began less than 20 minutes later. Nearly 200 pallets were loaded on KITTY HAWK and she was back underway the next day. The entire operation took less than four hours.



In less than four hours, DDYJ staff loaded more than 200 pallets on USS KITTY HAWK.

Worldwide, DDYJ is the second newest and sixth largest of the 22 distribution centers. It is the largest DLA activity in the Pacific with military, U.S. Civil Service, and Japanese employees. The command offices and primary functional areas are located at the Yokosuka Naval Base. The other two sites include Yokohama North Dock and Fleet Activities Sasebo, Japan.

DDYJ is strategically located to provide joint logistic support throughout the Western Pacific, Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf areas of responsibility. It is centrally located and in close proximity to U.S. military and commercial lines of communication for ocean, surface and air cargo. DDYJ provides a full range of physical distribution support to all U.S. military services. Support is primarily provided to the ships including the carrier battle group homeported in Yokosuka, the Amphibious Readiness Group (ARG) homeported in Sasebo, and numerous U.S. naval vessels transiting the area. Support is also given to major industrial shore commands and bases throughout Japan, Singapore, Diego Garcia and naval assets in the Persian Gulf. Additionally, the distribution center is an integral player in contingency plans for transition to war scenarios in the Far East.